



## *Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day*

### **AO3 Jose Medina**

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AO3 Jose Medina, an ordnanceman for VFA-154, The Black Knights, has been selected for today's Sailor of the Day.

Medina's duties take him to the flight deck where he can be found loading ordnance or maintaining the Ready Service Locker (RSL) for the Ordnance shop.

"He is accountable for over a hundred cartridges in the RSL," said AO1(AW) Edward Kaufman, Medina's LPO on the day shift. "He is also the Assistant Technical Publications Petty Officer."

According to Medina, some parental influence and a strong desire to have exposure to new cultures motivated him to join the Navy in September 1998.

"I have had a chance to go to the Med. and visit countries like France, Spain and Turkey," said Medina who joined the Black Knights a year and a half ago after a tour with the USS Kearsarge (LHD 3). "This will be my first deployment on a carrier and working on the flight deck," added Medina.

During this deployment, Medina plans to work on improvement of military skills.

"I would like to earn my EAWS qualification and will also be studying to advance to the next pay grade," said Medina who stated that he would soon be ready for orders and making second class would make a difference in the process.

During his free time Medina admits he studies a lot, but tries to keep up with the hobby he enjoys the most. "I enjoy building and programming computers," Medina revealed.

Medina offered some sage advice to his fellow Sailors. "Follow the orders issued to you, have initiative and be weary of bad opinions from those who set bad examples," said Medina. "Also, don't be afraid to ask those more experienced than you for help."



*AO3 Jose Medina of VFA-154, The Black Knights', ordnance shop checks the umbilical cord on a Caton 9 which is used with the sidewinder LAU-127C/A for the F/A-18F Super Hornet.*

*Performing an inspection on the SUU-79 pylon is one of the steps on a turn around inspection. The SUU-79 enables mounting of the ordnance and fuel tanks on the wings of the aircraft.*



*Medina checks CLU-45 ordnance at the Ready Service Locker (RSL) -- the CLU-45 is used to eject ordnance and fuel tanks.*

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